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Southwest Pierce County: Subdivision residents advised to boil water

OLYMPIA – The McKenna Water District and state Department of Health urge residents of the Whitewater Estates subdivision in McKenna to boil their drinking water until further notice.

At least part of the subdivision is without water following a line break. Water pressure was lost, which could have enabled bacteria and other contaminants to enter the water system. The advisory affects the 150 homes in the subdivision, west of State Route 507 and north of the Chehalis Western railroad tracks. The advisory does not affect the downtown core, elementary school, or other parts of the southwestern Pierce County community.

McKenna Water District staff and volunteers are going door-to-door today to alert residents.

Whitewater Estates residents who still have water are being asked to conserve until further notice. State health officials advise customers to use boiled or purchased bottled water for drinking, brushing teeth, dishwashing, preparing food, and making ice. Tap water should be boiled for one minute and allowed to cool before use.

The water district is working to repair the break, increase chlorine levels and flush the water lines to disinfect the system. The advisory is expected to last at least another day so that district staff can collect and test water samples for bacteria. The district will advise residents when tests show the water is safe to drink.

Customers who have questions about the situation can call the Water District at 360-458-5252.

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